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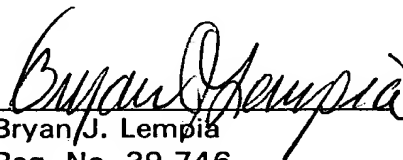
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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In response to the office action mailed on September 4, 2002.
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections are hereby
respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application, wherein claims 5-8,
and 16 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-
elected species. Claims 1-4, 9-15, and 17-19¹ remain at issue. Claims 1,
3, 9, 10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as
anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 623,366 (Halvorsen). Claims 2, 4, 11,
13-15 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

¹ Please note that the Office Action Summary sheet makes no mention of the specific
disposition of claim 19. However, the detailed action rejects claim 19 as unpatentable
under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants have respectfully revised the provided disposition
of the claims to reflect the intention of the action